2016 SENIOR COMPANION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Corporation for National and Community Service

About the Funding Opportunity

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Illinois State Office announces a grant funding opportunity for eligible organizations to apply to operate and manage a Senior Companion Program local project in the geographic area indicated below. More information about this opportunity can be found at: www.nationalservice.gov/SeniorCorps_Replacement_Grants.

About the Senior Companion Program (SCP)

Created in 1974, SCP provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by serving frail seniors and other adults, helping them to maintain independence in the client's home. Among other activities, Senior Companions assist with daily living tasks, such as grocery shopping and bill paying; provide friendship and companionship; alert doctors and family members to potential problems, and provide respite to family caregivers. Senior Companions serve from 15 to 40 hours per week.

Senior Companions receive pre-service orientation, training from the organization where they will serve, supplemental accident and liability insurance, and meals while on duty. Volunteers who meet certain income guidelines also receive a small stipend. SCP projects may use SCP grant funds to conduct volunteer recruitment and recognition, reimburse volunteers for service related travel and other service expenses, provide stipends to volunteers, and for other grant expenses as described in 45 CFR Part 2551.

What Organizations are Eligible?

Eligible organizations include faith-based and secular non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, state education agencies, Indian tribes, and local government entities.

Grant Information

Total Annual Funding Available	Total Volunteer Service Years	Service Area
Up to: $ 321,183	Up to: 54	Suburban Cook County

Award Period: Awards funded under this opportunity will be up to three years in duration, pending continued funding availability. Applicants should build and propose a full year budget period. However, the FY 16 award may reflect a prorated amount. Winning applicants can negotiate a revised budget accordingly.

Start Date: The initial budget period will start on September 1, 2016 and end on June 30, 2017. (The annual award amount will be prorated accordingly.) Subsequent budget periods will be 12 months in duration, July 1 through June 30.

Non-Federal Share Requirement: The minimum support requirement is 10 percent of the total grant budget (federal plus non-federal share).

Deadline: Your application is due no later than July 15, 2016. Applications must be submitted in eGrants by the deadline in order to be considered.

For More Information:

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About the Corporation for National and Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. Each year CNCS engages more than five million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet local needs through its Senior Corps projects and AmeriCorps programs. For more information, visit **www.nationalservice.gov**.